

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain in this application. Claims 15-20 have been added.

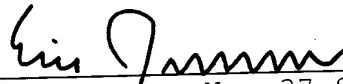
Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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**APPENDIX:**

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- ☒ - a new or amended Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An intraparietal reinforcement device (1) for use in a biological prosthesis (10), as well as a biological prosthesis (10) provided with a device of this type, is particularly suitable for use within the organic tissue of the biological prosthesis (10), and for reinforcing the structure of the prosthesis so that it retains its shape once implanted.